

3 July 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting concerning a Suitland Memorandum of Understanding

1. Monday afternoon, 3 July 1967 in order to discuss the contents of a Memorandum of Understanding from the DDS to the Archivist of the United States the following individuals met at National Archives at 2:00 pm:

STAT Herbert E. Angel - Assistant Archivist for Federal Records Centers
- Chief, Support Services Staff
- CIA Records Administration Officer
- Records Officer

2. The DDS Memorandum drafted 23 June 1967 and concurred in by Mr. Echols and Mr. Osborn was submitted to Mr. Angel by Mr. STAT [redacted] After reading the memorandum Mr. Angel commented that he felt this would cover the matter adequately.

3. Mr. Angel noted that although it was not specifically stated he felt it was implied that the Agency personnel on duty in the Suitland Records Center would be available for duty elsewhere in the Center in their spare time. [] responded that while on detail they would be under the supervision of the Manager of the Records Center but that we did not believe they would have any idle time. The retrieval activity of these records over the last two years averaged almost 5,000 services each month. He went on to explain that Agency authorities have not authorized the three new positions we requested and that we were obliged to provide slots and funds for two people out of our existing positions. He felt they would be extremely busy for the first nine to 12 months during the moving of the records. If they were not fully employed the office would recall one for other duties because of the severe constraints on our personnel ceiling. In any case, the Agency was not inclined to have these personnel handling records of other Agencies.

4. Mr. Angel acknowledged that he appreciated the Agency's reluctance to have Agency personnel handle the files of other Agencies. He then commented that he felt National Archives was losing control of its own building and people by this compartmentation of various sections. He said the ground rules were being changed from the original arrangements. He recalled that in 1964 when they

asked for alterations requirements only NSA requested a barrier. He felt it was no longer an Intelligence Community Repository and that more of a cellular condition seemed to exist. He supposed that DIA would be requesting a barrier next.

5. It was pointed out to Mr. Angel that the original intentions still prevailed and the relocating of these intelligence materials could be a beginning for a Community effort and that the barriers were a fact of life in the Community. He agreed that the prospects of a Community storage area made the effort particularly valuable, but the restrictions and compartmentation caused him to question whether the move should be authorized. He questioned whether the Community should build its own storage facilities and not take away part of this Federal Center intended for use by all Government Agencies. [] explained that certain Agency planning was based on the availability of this space. [] felt there were no basic changes in the proposal originally developed by [] He felt the Community would share the vault for its intelligence reference material as originally stated, and although no barriers were discussed at the outset, when the NSA wall was approved by National Archives in 1964 it was not too much to expect our request for a personnel barrier to eventually follow. The question of personnel has not changed because we have always felt they would not have time to spare.

6. Mr. Angel stated he would like to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with Dr. Bahmer if we would leave him a copy. Mr. [] suggested that we have the DDS mail it to him and Dr. Bahmer could reply. Mr. Angel thought he might have to talk with his Office of Personnel and felt he would be able to let us know the acceptability of the Memorandum within a day or two. [] gave him a Xerox copy of the Memorandum for his internal coordination at the National Archives and Records Service, GSA. The meeting terminated at 2:30 pm.

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CIA Records Administration Officer